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Public Meeting
Regional Services Council
Region 10
August 20, 2010, 9 a.m.
4150 North Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Council Members in Attendance

J. Hubartt, Reg. 10 Dir., DCS, Chair; M. McGeney, Division Mgr., DCS; J. Brees., FCM, DCS; B. Ping, Juvenile Court; K. Reid, Supe., DCS; C. Ball, Juv. Probation; P. Haughan, MCPO; S. Wilken, Supe., DCS; G. Ellis, Child Advocates; Brian Ellis, Mentors of America; D. Thacker, Foster Parent; K. Bullington, DCS Legal Counsel

Visitors

S. Malott & M. Goodpaster, MCCOY; D. Wimer, Lutheran Child & Family Services; J. Catlett & G. Hurd, YFCS; T. Chandler, Community Assets; J. Dalton, A. Knapp & G. Kalal, Damar; D. Butler, B. Waller, M. Owens, Historic Washington Park; K. Riley, Probation; C. Langan & M. Gwaltney, FSCI; K. Carlson, Midwest Psychological; D. Bell & B. Marson, Valle Vista; J. Van Wicklin, White's Family Services; R. Blondet, IDTC; L. Wrestler, Bethany Christian Services; A. Johnson, Gallahue; L. Franklin, Reach for Youth; S. Stephens, Laine James Education Fund; M. Kirchner, Gibault; M. Frank & E. Stiles, Adult and Child; G. Doyle, Choices; D. James, The Villages; J. Stewart, Resource Cmty. Based Svcs.; H. May, NOAH; L. Highley; B. Van Devender, NYAP; C. Andler, Families Reaching for Rainbows; H. Hunter, Youth Outlook; J. Klein, Children's Bureau; T. Huckstep, PassWord Cmty. Mentoring; J. Hendricks, Whittington Homes & Svcs; N. Wever, DCS

Introduction of Members/Housekeeping

Council members introduced themselves and determined a quorum was present. By statute RSC must have only one meeting per quarter. Since many staff and stakeholders were on vacation and there were few issues to discuss, June and July meetings were canceled.



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After noting changes, May's minutes were approved and should be posted within ten days.

Chair and Ping reminded Council that Judge Moore's reports for military duty on Sunday. Ping advised that the Indiana Supreme Court had appointed Gary Chavers as judge pro tem for the duration of her tour of duty. Since the appointment begins on Sunday, he expects Judge Chavers will attend the next meeting.

In the same vein, Chair noted an interesting opinion by the State Ethics Commission Inspector General about proxies taking ethics training and being bound by the code of ethics. It doesn't apply to judicial proxies. Anyone else, they may have to take the ethics training, which can be difficult at times. DCS personnel would have to take it, but for other proxy members it doesn't apply.

McGeney and Chair mentioned that Riley Safety Store items are being delivered today. These items are for use by our FCMs to give to families. Nothing will be passed out until after supervisors are trained and a log/tracking sheet created. Supervisors will then train FCMs in their proper use, so the FCMs in turn can train families on their caseloads. Chair assumes that Riley Safety Store should invoice our Community Partner for the full cost (\$5,000) of the items.

Chair and Klein of Children's Bureau (cmt. partner) determined that under the broad sense of prevention these items are appropriate to issue to families where children are being returned home, or for children already in-home; they are not just for children with which we are not really involved. Although geared for younger children, Ball can access items for any probation wards who might be parents of young children.

Budget

Marion County/Region 10 came in under budget for FY 2010, which Chair thinks is "fantastic." She finds this "a success on everyone's part, including service providers, partners, [and] the entire system. It's been difficult in a lot of ways...but our real success here is that we've been able to manage this budget without compromising the quality of the work we do and the services we provide to families and children." Having to learn new ways of doing things—invoicing, forms, resource IDs--was a challenge, but having become more familiar with them, we can now focus on our core values—serving families and children.

RFPs

We recently released two RFPs. One was released in the spring for Legal for Diagnostic and Evaluation. We received no responses so there is nothing to vote on. We are working with some individuals to handle current needs, but Chair anticipates we will look again for that sort of provider. She asked all present to survey their colleagues for someone interested in this area.

C. Ball reviewed the Functional Family Therapy RFP. One response was received from Indiana Operations of Youth and Family Center Services, known to most of us as Resolute and its partners. G. Hurd put together the proposal and it was scored; the recommendation is to approve it. Chair



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advised that the face-to-face rate is \$161.65/hour. They also have an actual cost which might be necessary if translation or sign language of any kind is needed. The period covered by the RFP is 9/20/10-6/30/11 and the total would be \$326,790. McGeney moved to accept, Ping seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Chair will send the proposal downtown today and hopes to have it in place by Sept. 20.

CMHC Partnership

Chair provided an overview of a new initiative with Community Mental Health Centers and leveraging Medicaid funding. She recalled receiving the letter announcing the program on May 27 and the rollout was planned for July 1, giving DCS a month and three days to get it going. At first the project was overwhelming and intimidating, yet by the last meeting a few days ago there wasn't much to talk about because things are going pretty smoothly. On behalf of the agency she thanked the four local CMHCs—Midtown, Adult & Child, Aspire, and Gallahue.

She thought a lot of the providers had questions about this program and how it would impact them. Only a certain group of wards would fall under the program—they must have a certain CANS score or have a diagnosis which would qualify them for Medicaid--only a sliver of our population. In response to her question about any delays in care, Ball responded that a couple of agencies reported that there's a 60 day waiting period for substance abuse. Chair replied that none of the providers had reported it to her; "in fact we've talked about how smoothly" they are getting their referrals.

FY11 Prevention Funds

RSC released RFPs on four biddable areas a couple of months ago. Scoring teams, containing DCS and NACS members, recommended the following providers. Funds total roughly \$50,000 per category. The Council approved all recommendations.

- Domestic Violence education and support (Reach For Youth, \$10,000; Family Services, \$24,853; Domestic Violence Network, \$20,000)
- Conflict Resolution (Peace Learning Center, \$49,350)
- Substance Abuse education and support (Family Services, \$14,428; Emberwood, \$35,719)
- Mentoring/Tutoring (The Mind Program, \$50,000)

Needs Assessments

Procedure Change

Chair announced a change in Needs Assessment procedures. When the process started it was mandatory for a proposed provider to get a positive or passing vote from a regional service council to pursue a license. That is no longer the case. Whether the council finds a need or the provider or not, regardless of the outcome the provider can continue on the licensing process. Licensing will look at our recommendation and consider it, but it will not preclude anyone from moving forward. Bullington asked if we can still have them come back if you have questions or is the appearance now a one-time thing, and was told that we can.



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Lainee James Group Home

S. Stephens of Lainee James Group Home presented. The group home is an outgrowth of the Lainee James Foundation, founded by a doctor of psychology who saw a need for children at risk and children who didn't have parents. The goal is to provide education in the medical field and social services area for these children. This is done by providing scholarships (to 2- and 4-year universities, vocational school) to those children in the group home who complete the program and graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA. There are currently four children who are preparing to graduate from the medical field whose educations were paid for by the foundation. Two are becoming doctors, one a nurse and the other a lab technician.

The GH will provide services, including crime prevention and community services. The program is geared toward at risk children from the juvenile justice system or who were pushed aside, males from 13-21 years of age.

McGeney asked if there was a budget. Ms. Stephens didn't bring one as she was unaware it was needed, but offered to email one to the Council. Chair asked for more info on the programmatic aspects, e.g., maximum number in the home, from where would they get referrals, how many homes, and where. The first home would be here in Indianapolis because of the population, but referrals could come from Lake County and South Bend area as well as from anywhere in Indiana. She expects the per diem rate to be in the \$158-\$170/day range.

Ping moved to table a vote until Ms. Stephens presents a budget. Others agreed and a second was made. She will come back with more info at September meeting.

Nehemiah Project/Community Assets

T. Chandler of the Nehemiah Project/Community Assets returned to provide more info on his group home. He brought in budget figures projected through the first three years. The funding stream would be diversified. The per diem rate would be around \$135/day versus the \$300/day for secure facilities. One concern is that there is another group home located within a few blocks of this one. After discussion, G. Ellis moved to approve and Thacker seconded. The motion was approved on a 5-4 vote.

Other Updates/ Business

Update-ICPAs

Chair encouraged providers to hold DCS staff to completing ICPAs. If you haven't heard from an FCM, contact her (Hubart), Surbey, the DM or a supervisor. As people are often in the field, it is best to email them. No one considers it tattling; turnaround on the ICPAs is fast if the right people are told.



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She also noted that Choices is moving northward in the “north corridor.” On the ISP, which recently launched in central Indiana (regions 10-14) Dr. Dalton has communicated with you about the program and process. If you want to know more about Choices or ISP, please let me know.

Public Announcements/Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There was no more business and meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2010 in the same conference room at 4150 N. Keystone.



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